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Passport - seamen - Visas for seamen travelling as passengers
to join ships in British waters - Grant - F.O.G. - Communicated.

No.D.7698-PVI/47.

Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs, & Commonwealth Relations.

Dated New Delhi 3, the 30th September 1947

A Copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to all Passport Issuing Authorities in India, Director Intelligence Bureau and the Ministry of * Home Affairs for information(and guidance).

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A.P.I.As only

By order, etc.,

* with 1 S.C. vide their u/o
no. 3596/48-Poll(E) dated
17th July 1947.

Sd/-xxxx,
Under Secretary to Government of India.

Foreign Office circular No.V/29 dated 7th June 1947.

CIRCULAR NO. V/29

Passport Control Department,
Foreign Office,
7th June, 1947.

Visas for Seamen travelling as Passengers to join
Ships in British Waters.

ARTICLE 15(1) of the Aliens Order, as subsequently amended provides that every person landing or disembarking in the United Kingdom (other than a person under the age of 16 years) shall have with him either a valid passport furnished with a photograph of himself or some other document satisfactorily establishing his national status and identity.

Seamen wishing to travel, as passengers, to the United Kingdom to join ships in British waters should normally therefore, be in possession of passports as well as their seamen's books. When, however, a seaman's book includes sufficient particulars to bring it under the heading of a document satisfactorily establishing the holder's national status and identity, it may be accepted in lieu of a passport. Such a document is the Discharge Book, containing photograph, signature, description and nationality of bearer.

As regards the question whether ordinary or transit visas should be granted to contract seamen, the Secretary of State has decided that where an alien seaman of any nationality produces documentary evidence that he is under contract to join a ship in British waters, a transit visa may be granted endorsed:-

"Good only for direct transit to join S.S....."

.....at....."

Collective transit visas may be granted in appropriate cases provided that each individual's passport or other travel document is endorsed that he is travelling on a collective visa. Normally, the Passport Control Officer should satisfy himself that the ship which the seaman is under contract to join is already at a British port or will be there by the time the seaman reaches the United Kingdom.

An appropriate paragraph will be inserted in the revised and consolidated Passport Control Regulations.

M.JEFFES.

To His Majesty's Consular and Passport Control Officers
authorised to grant visas.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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